

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 6, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 58, 1/2/2017

Executive Action: SB 56 Do Pass, SB 70 Do Pass

00:00:24 Chairman Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:22 Sen. Mary McNally (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 58. Prohibit the use of \$0 claims for insurance policy cancellation or renewal.

[EXHIBIT\(bus05a01\)](#)

00:03:21 Sen. Vuckovich entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:44 Bob Biskupiak, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus05a02\)](#)

00:12:40 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:23 Bruce Spencer, Allstate Insurance Company (AIC)

00:18:36 Greg VanHorsen, State Farm Insurance Company (SFIC)

00:24:47 Jon Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance Group, American Insurance Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:32 Sen. Facey

00:31:57 Mr. VanHorsen, SFIC

00:33:21 Sen. Facey

00:36:22 Mr. Spencer, AIC

00:36:30 Chairman Buttrey

00:36:39 Sen. Brown

00:37:38 Mr. Spencer

00:37:58 Sen. Brown

00:40:19 Mr. VanHorsen

00:41:02 Sen. Brown

00:41:10 Mr. Biskupiak, DLI

00:41:22 Sen. Connell

00:45:13 Mr. Biskupiak

00:45:21 Chairman Buttrey

00:47:20 Mr. VanHorsen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:32 Sen. McNally

00:51:41 Chairman Buttrey

00:52:02 Brief Recess

01:01:22 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 56

01:01:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 56 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 70

01:02:15 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 70 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:02:38 Sen. Connell
01:04:14 Sen. Facey
01:05:21 Chairman Buttrey
01:05:39 Sen. Facey
01:05:50 Chairman Buttrey
01:05:59 Sen. Brown
01:06:28 Chairman Buttrey
01:07:26 Sen. Connell
01:07:31 Sen. Salomon

01:08:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:08:25 Sen. Facey
01:08:59 Chairman Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:10 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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